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State Unemployment Rate Falls

The jobless rate in Michigan fell to a two year low as the statewide unemployment rate dropped to 11.7 percent in November. The decrease in joblessness was primarily a result of unemployed individuals leaving the labor force. Total employment in November fell by 24,000 to 3,678,000, down from last month when 3,702,000 workers were employed. The drop in employment was a direct result of seasonal job losses in construction, agriculture, recreational activities and service related industries. Subsequently, the losses in employment and unemployment drove Michigan's civilian labor force down by 64,000 to finish the month at 4,165,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has climbed by 139,000 or 3.9 percent, while the size of the labor force has declined by 1.6 percent. In November 1982, the total number of state residents out of work amounted to 694,000, representing a jobless rate of 16.4 percent.

Payroll Employment Continues Upward

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Michigan edged upward for the third consecutive month. In November, approximately 10,000 employment opportunities were added as job gains were centered in the manufacturing and government sectors. Manufacturing employment experienced the greatest gain as total sector jobs rose by 8,600 to 928,900. Additional opportunities were divided among the metals, machinery and transportation equipment industries. Public sector employment at 589,600, increased by 1,400 over the month. Private nonmanufacturing employment remained at last month's level even though various employment shifts took place within the sector. Since November 1982, total industry employment has climbed by 101,300 positions. Approximately 100,200 manufacturing jobs have been added, while nonmanufacturing and government levels have remained relatively stable.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

November, 1983 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,165,000	3,678,000	487,000	11.7%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	144,200	134,400	9,800	6.8
Battle Creek SMSA	79,600	70,000	9,600	12.1
Bay City-SMSA	51,400	44,200	7,200	14.0
Benton Harbor-SMSA	67,800	59,000	8,800	13.0
Detroit	1,907,500	1,682,100	225,400	11.8
Flint-SMSA	220,000	191,000	29,000	13.2
Grand Rapids SMSA	324,100	292,700	31,400	9.7
Jackson-SMSA	62,300	53,900	8,400	13.5
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	133,700	121,500	12,200	9.1
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	242,700	222,600	20,100	8.3
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	75,300	65,500	9,800	13.0
Saginaw-SMSA	97,300	86,000	11,300	11.6
Upper Peninsula LMA	137,000	115,100	21,900	16.0

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates
State of Michigan

Item	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Nov. 1982
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	4,165.0	4,229.0	4,294.0	4,233.0
Employment	3,678.0	3,702.0	3,768.0	3,539.0
Unemployment	487.0	528.0	527.0	694.0
Rate	11.7%	12.5%	12.3%	16.4%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,268.6	3,258.6	3,235.6	3,167.3
Manufacturing	928.9	920.3	915.5	828.7
Durables	724.6	716.1	710.2	636.4
Lumber & Wood Products	11.4	11.3	11.4	9.9
Furniture & Fixtures	22.6	22.4	22.2	21.2
Metals	161.2	159.5	158.0	137.0
Primary Metals	48.9	48.1	47.8	42.2
Fabricated Metals	112.3	111.4	110.2	94.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	119.1	117.0	117.8	118.2
Electrical Machinery	31.0	30.3	30.7*	28.1
Transportation Equipment	344.6	341.6	336.7	289.5
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	326.4	323.5	318.8	273.3
Other Transportation Equip.	18.2	18.1	17.9	16.2
Other Durables	34.7	34.0	33.4	32.5
Nondurables	204.3	204.2	205.3	192.3
Food & Kindred Products	48.8	48.9	49.8	47.0*
Textiles & Apparel	20.7	20.2	20.2	16.9
Paper & Allied Products	21.5	21.1	21.3	20.9
Printing & Publishing	31.2	31.8	32.0	31.2
Chemicals & Petroleum	44.6	44.7	45.0	45.1
Other Nondurables	37.5	37.5	37.0	31.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,750.1	1,750.1	1,750.4	1,747.3
Construction	95.6	97.6	97.6	96.1
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	136.7	136.9	136.4	138.2
Wholesale Trade	147.5	149.0	149.0	148.9
Retail Trade	544.8	538.4	541.9	550.9
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	151.2	150.8	151.5	150.2
Services	663.8	666.7	663.2	653.7
Mining	10.5	10.7	10.8	9.3
Government	589.6	588.2	569.7	591.3
Federal	56.3	56.3	56.1	56.9
State	153.2	151.7	143.4	152.5
Local	380.1	380.2	370.2*	381.9
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.5	3.0	4.1	0.9

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1982 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1982 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

In November, the number of individuals collecting unemployment benefits in Michigan increased for the first time in three months. The regular benefit claims load averaged 112,925 per week, approximately 13,105 or 13.1 percent higher than the previous month. In November 1982, the number of claimants drawing regular benefits averaged 268,350 per week.

Under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program, the number of individuals collecting benefits doubled the October figure. The number of claimants receiving FSC payments registered 72,750, an increase of 37,050 over the previous month. The Extended Benefits (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
November 5, 1983	114,300	19,600	94,700	56,200	5,600	50,600
November 12, 1983	111,500	22,900	88,600	66,200	5,700	60,500
November 19, 1983	109,900	19,000	90,900	85,000	4,200	80,800
November 26, 1983	116,000	19,600	96,400	83,600	4,100	79,500

Slight Increase in Area Prices

The cost of living in the Detroit metropolitan area inched upward as the Consumer Price Index totaled 299.9 points in November. The six-tenths percent rise in Detroit area prices was primarily the result of increased fuel and medical care costs. Prices in the Detroit metropolitan area climbed by 1.3 percent since November 1982 when the Consumer Price Index stood at 296.0.

At the national level, consumer prices increased slightly by one-half point to total 303.1. The national increases were a direct result of higher transportation and medical care costs. Over the year, consumer prices have risen by 3.2 percent. In November 1982 the U.S. Consumer Price Index stood at 293.6.

Hours and Earnings

In manufacturing industries, the average workweek of Michigan production workers rose slightly from 43.3 in October to 43.8 in November. The increased workweek was a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the motor vehicle industry. The average hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers edged upward by eight cents to $11.87, while average weekly earnings climbed by $9.97 to reach $520.15. In November 1982, earnings averaged $11.17 an hour or $454.00 per week for a 40.7 hour workweek.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.87**	**$11.79**	**$11.17**	**43.8**	**43.3**	**40.7**	**$520.15**	**$510.18**	**$454.00**
DURABLE GOODS	12.37	12.28	11.62	44.2	43.6	40.7	546.78	535.32	472.52
Primary Metal Products	11.81	11.87	12.67	42.0	41.7	39.8	496.56	494.64	503.73
Fabricated Metal Products	11.66	11.52	10.67	43.9	43.1	39.6	511.55	497.14	422.24
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.73	11.65	11.38	42.2	41.6	40.0	495.16	484.34	454.85
Electrical Machinery	10.18	10.27	9.69	42.8	43.1	40.1	435.68	442.93	388.85
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	13.76	13.65	12.89	46.2	45.4	41.8	635.65	619.12	539.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.92	9.88	9.59	42.2	42.1	40.6	418.83	416.11	389.52
Contract Construction	14.00	13.98	14.77	36.7	35.8	34.2	513.11	500.16	504.91
Department Stores	6.15	6.17	5.85	29.2	29.3	30.8	179.66	180.44	180.18

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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